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REMARKS

Claims 2, 3 and 7 - 13 remain in the application with claims 11 - 13 being the only independent claims.

Formal drawings (2 sheets) are included to replace the informal drawings.

Claims 11 - 13 are original claims 4 - 6 rewritten in independent form.

With respect to the rejection of claims 3 and 4 under 35 USC 103 over Lee and Helstern, these rejections are respectfully traversed. Claim 11 (original claim 4 rewritten in independent form) lines 10 - 13, require:

"wherein said block has two sources for producing light, and wherein one of said two sources for producing light is an LED, and another of said sources for producing light is a material that said block is made from" [Emphasis added].

In the rejection the examiner states, "...a first source of light is a LED and a second source of light is a color filter" [Emphasis added]. A light "filter" is defined by the Encarta® World English Dictionary © as,

"a tinted glass or dyed gelatin screen placed on a camera lens to reduce light intensity, exclude some types of light, control the rendering of color, or distort an image".

Therefore, it is clear that a light filter acts on light, produced by some other source, to change the light in a variety of ways, however, a filter does not, in and of itself, produce light. Therefore, the structure of Helstern does not meet the claimed structure of two sources of light. On the contrary, Helstern discloses one source of light and a filter to act

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on the light produced by that one source. Since there is a limitation in claim 11 that is not disclosed in the combination of references, the rejection is improper and should be withdrawn.

With respect to the allowance of claim 5, the examiners states as reasons for allowance that the "prior art does not disclose a compound comprising a ration of six parts of phosphorescent brightener and four parts of fluorescent coloring and four drops of mineral oil to 100 parts of polyvinylchloride". U.S. Patent 6,186,635 to Peterson et al (cited on applicant's PTOL 1449) discloses the above compound (see col. 3, lines 30 - 34). However, Peterson et al discloses a single source of light 18 external to the light block 3 (see Figs. 4 and 5, and col. 4, lines 56 - 63). Applicant's device has a block 7 which contain two sources of light, as claimed in claim 11, lines 10 - 13. Therefore, claim 11 is still patentable for the above reasons.

Claim 6 has been rewritten in independent form as claim 13, as suggested by the examiner, and should now be allowable. Claims 2, 3 and 7 - 10 depend, either directly or indirectly, from claim 13 and should also be allowable.

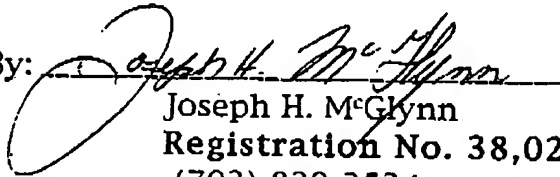
From the above mentioned remarks and amendments, the Examiner's rejections and objections are thought to be overcome. Accordingly, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Therefore an early notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

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